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SUBJECT: US CITIZENS STRANDED BY LACK OF STANDBY SEATS

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1. AMEMBASSY LONDON ADVISES THAT A LACK OF AVAILABLE
SEATS FOR PASSENGERS FLYING STANDBY TO USA HAS STRANDED AN
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ESTIMATED SEVERAL HUNDRED US CITIZENS IN LONDON. PRESSURE
TO RETURN TO US BEFORE START OF SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER
COMBINED WITH PEAK SEASON REGULAR AIR TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED
TO RESULT IN SITUATION WORSENING THROUGHOUT AUGUST.
EMBASSY RECEIVING NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS NOT ONLY ABOUT LACK
OF SEATS BUT ALSO LACK OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE
FROM AIR CARRIERS. WHILE LATTER COMPLAINTS NOT NECESSARILY

MERITORIOUS, SERIOUS PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS SEEM TO BE DEVELOPING FOR BOTH THE AIRLINES AND EMBASSY.

2. POSTS REQUESTED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS IN ADVISING US CITIZENS AND LOCAL AIRLINE OFFICES OF DIFFICULTIES AND DELAYS BEING EXPERIENCED BY TRAVELLERS ATTEMPTING TO TRAVEL TO USA STANDBY FROM LONDON.

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